

~THE STRONGEST BRIDE ON EARTH~

SUMOMO MOMO

6

SHINOBU OHTAKA



The strongest bride on earth.

Sumomomo Momomo.6

Shinobu Ohtaka



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SUMOMO, MOMOMO

Momomo Sumomomo,Momomo Sun
nomo,Momomo Sumomomo,Momom
Momomo Sumomomo,Momomo Sun
nomo,Momomo Sumomomo,Momon
Momomo Sumomomo,Momomo Sun

39. BEFORE THE STORM







YOU COULDN'T FORGIVE HER, FOR TAKING YOUR MIA, COULD YOU?

I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?

...TO BE IN LOVE WITH THE SAME PERSON, DO YOU?

YOU DON'T WANT ...

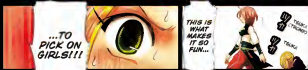
YOU CAN'T HIDE IT FROM ME.

YOUR FINGER IS PROOF THAT YOU'RE WORRIED



BUT YOU LET IT HURT YOU SO MUCH INSIDE!

THIS IS SO STUPID!
IT'S JUST LOVE AND HATE, THAT'S ALL!



...TO PICK ON GIRLS!!!

THIS IS WHAT MAKES IT SO FUN...

YOU! (THUNDER)
YOU!



CLASH (THUNDER)







...THEN
YOUR
HEART
MUST BE
BURNING
WITH THE
SAME
PAIN.

IF YOU
UNDER-
STAND
THE PAIN OF
YEARNING
FOR
ANOTHER
...

**YOU
KNOW
THAT
ISN'T
TRUE!!**

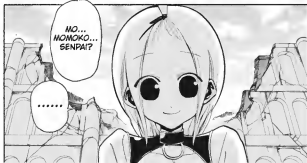
**YOU
CLAIM
IT IS
"FUN"
TO
PICK
ON
GIRLS
I?**

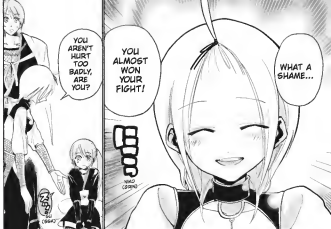


**BE-
CAUSE
YOU
ARE...**

**...A
GIRL
AS
WELL.**











NOT
EVEN
ONCE.

HE
HAS
NEVER
SAID
THAT
I AM
HIS
WIFE.

...
KOUISHI-
DONO...

...HAS
NEVER
TOLD ME
THAT HE
LOVES
ME.



...WATAI
MINUTE...

THERE
IS NO
REASON
FOR YOU
TO HOLD
BACK ON
ACCOUNT
OF ME!

...IS MY
SILLY,
ONE-
SIDED
CRUSH.

ALL IT
IS...

BOO
AND
GROO



OF
COMPETITION?

...SYM-
PATHY IS
HERETI-
CAL...

IN FACT,
WHEN IT
COMES TO
TRUE COM-
PETITION...

OF
COURSE!



...AND SHE
WAS ACTUALLY
TAKING IT THAT
WAY ON THE
INSIDE?

THE
WHOLE
TIME
SHE
WAS
JUST
SMILING
AWAY...



IN-
DEED!

A-A
COMPE-
TITION
FOR
LOVE!?



...FOR
THE
LOVE...

...OF A
SINGLE
GENTLE-
MAN!

YOU
SEE...

...THIS
IS A
BATTLE
BE-
TWEEN
TWO
WOMEN



A
BATTLE
FOR
SURVIVAL
IN WHICH
ONE'S
LIFE IS
EVER
ON THE
LINE!

A
WAR OF
LOVE IS
TRULY A
FIGHT TO
THE DEATH.

THE
WISE
WORDS
OF MY
BENEO-
LENT
FATHER.

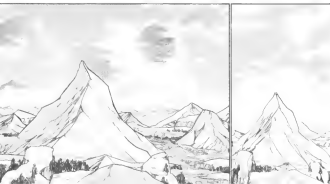
"IT IS
BETTER
TO RISK
YOUR
LIFE FOR
A SINGLE
WOMAN
THAN TO
DEFEAT A
THOU-
SAND
BEARS."

LOVE...
NO HUMAN
SOUL CAN
HELP BUT
REACH OUT
TOWARD ITS
GREAT
BRILLIANCE
WHEN LOVE
PRESENTS
ITSELF...











...TO LET MOMOKO AND INUZUKA GO AHEAD BY THEMSELVES...?

WAS IT A GOOD IDEA...



...A SINGLE DOSE OF ANTIDOTE PREPARED FOR THE BOY.

THERE WAS ONLY...

I'M MORE WORRIED... ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM BEING POISONED.

!

THEY WERE THE ONLY TWO TENGA-NI WANTED TO SEE.

IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.



IT JUST SEEMED POINTLESS TO FIGHT ANY LONGER.

ARE YOU SAYING YOU HANDED OVER THE THIRD COMPOUND BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED FOR HER SAKE?

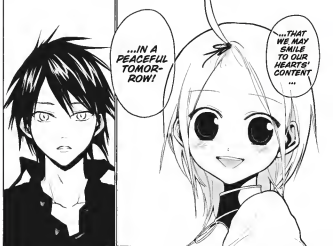
...ON THE DRAGON GIRL'S WRIST...

I COULD SEE THE MARKS...









...IN A
PEACEFUL
TOMOR-
ROW!

...THAT
WE MAY
SMILE
TO OUR
HEARTS'
CONTENT



...TO
THAT
KIND OF
LIFE.

SOON
WE WILL
RETURN
...











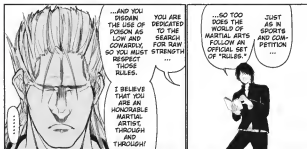








CHAPTER 39. BEFORE THE STORM – END





INDEED.

YOU HAVE A POINT.



...RUNS
COUNTER
TO THOSE
LAWS.

...YOUR
EXIS-
TENCE



LAWS
THAT
MUST
NOT BE
BROKEN.

AND...

MARTIAL
ARTS
HAS ITS
OWN
WAY.



THERE-
FORE...

40. REGRET IS NOT REDEMPTION







IN FACT, I
SUSPECT
YOU WILL BE
MORE THAN
EAGER TO
DO SO...

...ONCE YOU
HEAR WHAT
I HAVE TO
SAY

...USED
PROPERLY,
YOU COULD
FLATTEN THE
DOG AND
DRAGON.

WITH THAT
MIGHT...



...WHY ARE
YOU CONTENT
TO SIT ON
SUCH A TINY
THRONE?

IF YOU
POSSESS
SUCH GREAT
POWER...



WHY
DO YOU
HOLD THIS
ENMITY
FOR
KOUSHI-
DONO?

WH...

THE TRUTH
OF THE
TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS!

SHO
COMES!



W-
WELL,
I WON'T
LET
YOU
HURT
HIM!

!?

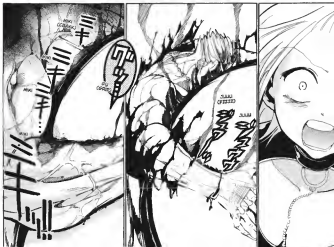


BECAUSE

...HE IS
KOUSHI
INUZUKA.











**VERY
ENTER-
TAINING!**

...THE
DOZEN
WARRIOR
BOYS SWORE
TO PROTECT
YAKUSHI
NYORI, THE
BUDDHA OF
MEDICINE.



THE
ANCESTORS
OF THE TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS
WERE OUR
VERY NAME-
SAKES THEM-
SELVES...



THESE
CLANS
MAINTAIN
THE OLD
WAYS AND
HOLD THEIR
ANCIENT
POWERS TO
THIS DAY.



HOWEVER,
SOME CLANS
LIMITED THEIR
BREEDING
AND KEPT
THE BLOOD
STRONG.

...DEVELOPING
INTO MORE
"MARTIAL
ARTS," PALE
"SHADOWS OF
WHAT THEY
ONCE HAD
BEEN.



...THEIR
SUPER
"HUMAN"
POWERS
"GONE"
ABSOLUTE...



...THEIR
NUMBERS
SPREAD,
BUT THEIR
BLOOD WAS
THINNER.

AS THEY
CONVERTED
WITH
MORTAL
HUMANS...



...TO MAKE
MONEY
WITHIN THE
WORLD OF
SPORTS.



THE
KOGANEI
CLAN
USES ITS
WEAK,
IMITATION
"MARTIAL
ARTS"...



...AND THE
KUZURUYUKI
CLAN!

THE
INUZUKA
CLAN...



...HE CHOSE
TO REVIVE OUR
ANCESTRAL
STRENGTH AND
TAKE BACK THE
POWER OF OUR
GOODY DAYS.

SO
INSTEAD

BUT
TENGA-NII
DESPISES
THAT USE
OF OUR
TALENTS.

THE MORE
PHYSICAL
DAMAGE HE
SUFFERS...

...THE
FASTER
AND MORE
COMPLETELY
HE IS
HEALED.

HIS BODY
IS AUGMENTED
WITH PREMIUM,
SUPERHUMAN
CELLS...



BURIAL
OF TWO

INFINITE
FORTY-
ARMOR OF
THE TIGER

...AND
HIS
AURA
IS
TWICE
AS
STRONG!

THE
WOUNDS
ARE
GONE...

ONE
COUNT













OH
GOD, HE'S
TERRIFYING
!!!



WHAT'S
THIS?

ARE YOU
REALLY
THE
INUZUKA
HERB?

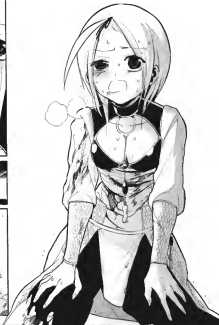
YOU
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
HOW TO
DEFEND
YOUR-
SELF?

















**...BUT I
DON'T
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
TO SAVE
HER!!**

**I DON'T
WANT
HER TO
DIE IN MY
ARMS...**



**...I HAD
TAKEN THE
TIME TO
ACTUALLY
TRAIN
MYSELF
...!!**

**I
WISH...**



41. THE END OF A LIFE

HOW
COULD
I HAVE
BEEN SO
STUPID
...!?



LISTEN, DAD. I'M
NOT DOING ANY
MARTIAL ARTS.

BUT
IT'S
TOO
LATE
FOR
THAT
NOW.



I...I SHOULD
HAVE
WORKED ON
STRENGTH-
ENING
MYSELF...!



...TO
TORMENT
YOUNG-
STERS
WEAKENED
BY
POISON?



...YOUR
STYLE
IS IT
TRICK?

STOP
RIGHT
THERE.



I'M
SORRY...

I'M SO
SORRY
...!!



WHO'S
THERE?





YOU'RE THAT OLD
MAN TENTEN
TROTTS AROUND WITH.

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



TENGA-
SAMA.



CALL ME
WHAT YOU
WILL.
THEY
WOULD
NOT DEFEAT
ME EVEN
AT FULL
STRENGTH,
THOUGH.

THE
WOMAN
WAS ILL
AS WELL?



.....

TO KILL
THEM
WOULD
BE THE
ACT OF A
COWARD.
THEY
ARE
WEAK
FROM
THE
POISON.



.....
.....

"A MAN
WHO HAS
LOST HIS
WARRIOR'S
PRIDE" ...

...PER-
HAPS.



SENDAYU
KUZURYU
AND HIS
LOT WOULD
DOUBTLESS
CALL YOU
SCUM...









...BUT I'M SORRY ...

I KNOW...
...YOU WERE HOPING FOR SOMETHING OUT OF ME...

...OF YOUR HELP.

...AM NOT WORTHY... I...



HA!

AND UNTIL RECENTLY, I THOUGHT THAT WAS PERFECTLY FINE.

PA-THET-IC...



...I WAS AFRAID NOT JUST OF MARTIAL ARTS, BUT EVEN SIMPLE CONFRONTATION.

AND BEFORE LONG...



I FOCUSED ON BOOKS.

...BECAUSE RAN ... I WAS AFRAID OF MARTIAL ARTS.



...WHO IS INCAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING.

KOUSHI-DONG.

I'M JUST A MAN ...



A FEW LAME PRETENSIONS AT TRAINING...

...WITH ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT!

...AND I MADE A FEW IMPROVEMENTS.

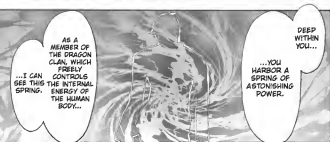
BUT NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING.

THEN YOU CAME ...



PLEASE
LISTEN
TO ME.

THIS
IS NOT
TRUE...



...I CAN
SEE THIS
AS A
MEMBER OF
THE DRAGON
CLAN, WHICH
FREELY
CONTROLS
THE INTERNAL
ENERGY OF
THE HUMAN
BODY...

DEEP
WITHIN
YOU...

...YOU
HARBOR A
SPRING OF
ASTONISHING
POWER.



I
HAVE
BEEN
WITH
YOU...

IT IS
FOR THIS
REASON
...
... THAT I
LEAVE
THE
MERCENARY
WITH YOU.

...WHO
WAS
BEYOND
THE LIMIT
OF MY
FEMININE
FAULTY.

STRONG
ENOUGH
TO DEFEAT
EVEN
TENGA
KOGANEI
...
YOU WILL
GROW
STRONG !

...YOU
WILL BE A
SPLENDID
MARTIAL
ARTIST.

...GIVEN
THE
RIGHT
OPPOR-
TUNITY...

IF
YOU
TRAIN
YOUR-
SELF...



...
KOUISHI-
DONO.

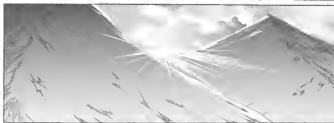
...THAT
THIS IS
NO MERE
ACT OF
KINDNESS
...

YOU
UNDER-
STAND...

...ALL
OF THIS
TIME!









SUN- DOWN







THEY'RE
DEAD...

.....
BOTH OF
THEM...



PATTERNS
ALL OVER
THEIR
BODIES
IT MUST
BE...

...THE
ANTI-
DOSE?

NOT ...

...THE
POISON ...



IS
THAT
YOU,
TENKA?

BRANCH
FAMILY.

BLOOD-
LINE.

MAIN
FAMILY.

THRONE.

PIA
(CRIES)

...THAT
A MAN
FROM A
BRANCH
FAMILY
STOLE
YOUR
THRONE.

YOU
OUGHT
TO HAVE
SHOWN OFF
THAT
EXPRESSION
ON THE DAY...

YOU'RE
STILL NEVER
SEEN
THE
ELDEST
SON
OF THE
MAIN
FAMILY
BLOOD-
LINE.

SHUT UP,
OR I'LL
CRUSH
YOUR
JAW.

...THAN
ANY OF
THAT
GARBAGE
...

I HAD
SOMETHING
MORE
IMPORTANT
...

PIA
(CRIES)







...ESCAPE
WITH A
MERE
BLOW
TO THE
JAW
FROM ME,
BOY...

YOU
WILL
NOT...



...HAVE
DE-
CLINED
INTO
SUCH A
PITIFUL
STATE.

...
THAT
TODAY'S
WAR-
RIORS
...

IT IS
BECAUSE
OF YOUR
KIND...

...NOT
LIVES
IN THE
LOWER
WORLD.

NOR
LOSES
HIS
PRIDE...

...DARES
NOT INSULT
HIS BLOOD.

A
MARTIAL
ARTIST
...



IS THERE EVEN...



JUST LOOK!



...WHO CAN STAND BLOW-TO-BLOW WITH ME?



...PRESENT IN THIS TIME AND PLACE ...

...A SINGLE PERSON ...



...IT'S MYSELF, FOR BEING BORN IN THIS MEANINGLESS ERA...!!!

IN FACT...

...IF THERE'S ANYONE HERE I AM ENTIRELY DISGUSTED WITH...

I
DON'T
WANT
TO
HEAR
...

...ANY-
THING
OTHER
THAN
MAR-
TIAL
ARTS
...

...
FROM A
MARTIAL
ARTIST
!!!



THIS IS
POINT-
LESS.

EVEN
I CAN
TELL.



...YOU
CAN RIP
OFF MY
HEAD...

YOU
CAN RIP
OFF MY
ARMS...

DAMN
YOU...

DAMN
YOU!











42. A MOURNFUL HOWL



DAIJI
COLLAGE







...DURING
MY TIME
WITH
YOU!

...MY
LONELI-
NESS
WAS ONLY
ABATED
...

WHEN
I WAS
YOUNG...



...AND I
LEARNED
OF THE
JOYS OF
LOVE.

I
LEARNED
TO DREAM
OF THE
WARMTH
OF FAMILY
...

YOU
CHANGED
ME.

...
UNTIL YOU
CHANGED
MY WORLD.

I HAD
BEEN
FOR-
LORN...

ALL
FROM
YOU.



...WITH
SUCH A
SHORT
AND
FRAIL
EXCUSE
FOR A
TALON?

WHAT
MAKES
YOU THINK
YOU CAN
CLEAVE ME
IN TWO...

WHAT'S
WRONG,
WOMAN
!?



I NEVER
KNEW
THOSE
THINGS...

...UNTIL
I MET
YOU!!

!!??

BAGMAN
CRASHING

バッガッ



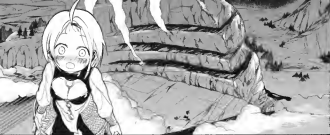






...YOU
TOOK
MY
EVERY
TO-
MOR-
ROW
WITH
HIM...





...IS
WORTH
NOTHING
!!!



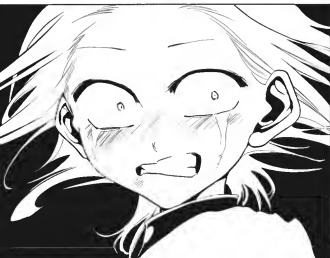
HE
DIED
...

...
BECAUSE
HE WAS
WEAK.

AND THE
FUTURE
OF A
WEAK
WARRIOR
...



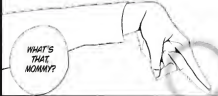
ENOUGH
OF YOUR
CRYING.











WHAT'S
THAT,
MOMMY?

HANG ON,
KOUSHI.
BE STILL.



NORMAL
IS THE
BEST
WAY...

KOUSHI...
...I WANT
YOU TO BE
A NORMAL
BOY.

...AND
I WANT
YOU TO
GROW UP
AND LEAD
A HAPPY
LIFE.

YOU'RE
SUCH A
GOOD
BOY...

I WANT
YOU TO
LIVE YOUR
ENTIRE
LIFE
WITHOUT
KNOWING
THOSE
THINGS...

...TO CAUSE
YOU TO FEEL
ANY PAIN OR
ANGER OR
SADNESS.

I DON'T
WANT
MOMMY OR
DADDY...







ZEBRA
(GROANS)



AND
NOT
ONLY
THAT...

...AND
RECOVERED
FROM IT
ALREADY!

HE WITH-
STOOD
THAT
ATTACK...



GOOD
LUCK!!



GIRAA
(GALNTS)











...
WHEN IT
COMES TO
SPEED!

AS I
THOUGHT!
I'VE GOT
THE EDGE...



...MOMOKO
KLIZURYUU,
DAUGHTER OF
SENDAYUU!

OFF-
SPRING
OF THE
MIGHTY
DRAGON
CLAN...

FINALLY,
I WILL
HAVE MY
GLORY!



!!

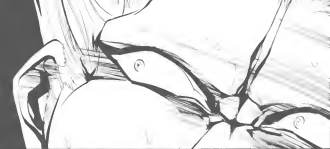


AND
NOW...

...I'VE
GOT
YOU
!!!!













43. RESOLUTION!!











!?

WH...

WHAT'S SHE DOING?!

SHALALA (GIGGLES)



NOT THE CASE.

LOOK CLOSER.

HAS SHE FINALLY USED UP ALL HER STRENGTH?!

...SLOWLY EBBING AWAY!

I CAN SEE MOMOKO'S ENERGY...



...HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED...

ALL OF THAT ENERGY ...

...AND DEVOURING THE MOUNTAINS.

... GULCHING OUT THE EARTH ...

... GOING THROUGH THE SKY ...

YOU SAW THE GREAT SERPENTINE ENERGY SHE PLED ABOUT HER...

!?









**TRUE
RISING
DRAG-
ON
SPLIT-
TING
HEAV-
EN
SHOCK!**













STILL
OUT
COLD,
YES...
BUT
LOOK.



HE IS
ALIVE.



HE
OVERCAME
THE POISON
WITH ONLY
HIS OWN
INTERNAL
ENERGY...



THE
POISON
IS
SLOWLY
FADING.



AND
YET...

...HOW
QUEER...



NI!

...BOTH KI
AND POISON
WERE FULLY
SPENT.

...AND AFTER
A DREADFUL
BATTLE...

BUT HE FOUGHT
AGAINST THAT
PREDATORY
POISON AS IT
SAPPED HIS LIFE...

I AM
POISON...

...THAT THE
POISON WAS
DEPLETING
HIS 'EI'.

EACH
ENTIRELY
NEUTRALIZED
THE OTHER.



I WAS CERTAIN
THAT I HAD SEEN THE
AIRA SURROUNDING
HIM—HIS VERY LIFE
ITSELF—VANISH INTO
NOTHINGNESS...



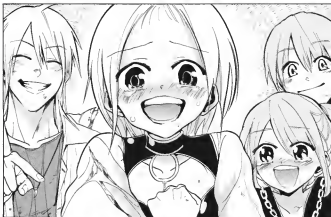
AND
YET...

...THERE
WAS HIDDEN
ANOTHER
SOURCE
OF VITAL
ENERGY...

...WITHIN THE
SPIRITUAL
FORCE THAT
WAS WIPED
OUT BY THE
POISON...









...IT'S NOT WORKING...

DAMMIT...

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REGENERATION!?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

ANKI!

ANKI!!



HE JUST... USED OUR FAMILY!

THE LYING BASTARD ...!

HE SAID THE DRAGONS AND GODS WOULD BE HELPLESS!

HE SAID WE'D WIN IF WE BROUGHT IT BACK.

WHAT ABOUT THE ANCIENT POWER?

THIS ISN'T HOW HE SAID IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE!



WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE...!?

OH, PERFECT THING!

I DIDN'T USE ANY-ONE.

MIKO
HISA
ENDOU !!

...OH,
JUST ...
...CHECK-
ING UP
ON YOU.

YOU
DIRTY...

CHECKING
UP? AFTER
THE FIGHT
IS ALREADY
OVER...?!

HE
ONLY CAME
BECAUSE
IT'S OVER.

HMM?

...WOULD
HAVE BEEN
RESEARCHED
AND
DEVELOPED
FOR THEM-
SELVES.

...
THAT YOU
SNEAKY
MONKEYS
GAVE TO
HIM...

PERHAPS
THE SPECIAL
ANCIENT
POWERS OF
REGENERA-
TION...

...AND THE
ENEMY HAD
CAPTURED
HIM?

WHAT IF
TENGA-
NI HAD
LOST...



...WE HAVE
PROVED
THAT THE
RESURREC-
TION METHOD
WORKS!

THANKS
TO TENGA-
KUN'S
TEST CASE
TODAY...

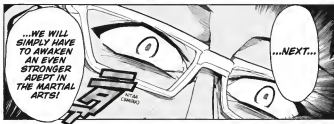
...IS
JUST A
MATTER
OF PA-
TIENCE.

...SUCH
SNEAKING
ABOUT...

AND
YET...



AND
NEXT...



...WE WILL
SIMPLY HAVE
TO AWAKEN
AN EVEN
STRONGER
ADEPT IN
THE MARTIAL
ARTS!

...NEXT...



...AWAKENS
TO THAT
PRIMAL
SOURCE...

AND
WHEN AN
EVEN MORE
POWERFUL
ENEMY
WARRIOR...



...BY
ASSAS-
SINS
MORE
DEADLY
THAN
TENGA?

WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN
IF THEY
SHOULD
BE WAY-
LAID...

AND THE
STRENGTH
OF KADOUA'S
GROUP
IS HARDLY
LACKING
WHAT IT
NEEDS FOR
THE TASK
AHEAD.

IT WAS
WORTH
THE TRIP

THE
ENEMY'S
PLOT IS
FAR
MORE
PERILOUS
THAN I
FEARED.

...IT WILL
BRING
AN EVEN
MORE
CRITICAL
BATTLE
THAN WIT-
NESSED
TODAY.

...LINKEN
AND
COMPANY'S
REIGN
COULD
BE CHAL-
LENGED!!

AFTER
SO
LONG...

OVER
HERE.

THE
TIME IS
NOW.

IT
SEEMS
I HAVE
NO CHOICE.

SIGH
...

COME.

IT SEEMS I
MUST NOW CALL
UPON YOUR
STRENGTH...







THAT
IS THE
BOY.

THAT
ONE
THERE
...

THAT'S
HIM?

YES!

THAT'S
HIM?



**KOUSHI
INUZUKA.**

BUT IT WOULD
BE ONLY
SCANT DAYS
BEFORE
THEY WERE
PLAGUED BY
EVEN MORE
POWERFUL
FOES.

...AND
KOUSHI'S
FORCE
LEFT FOR
HOME
WITH ALL
MEMBERS
ALIVE AND
INTACT.

THE
BATTLE
WITH
THE
KOGA-
NEIS
WAS
OVER...

44. WELCOME HOME, AS ALWAYS



I'LL BE
DEAD IN A
WEEK...







AFTER FACING
UNFATHOM-
ABLY POWERFUL
ENEMIES, KOLUSHI
HAD BROUGHT
BACK SOME
SMALL MEASURE
OF CONFIDENCE...

...TO HIS
NORMAL,
EVERY-
DAY LIFE.

...HE WAS
ALWAYS
A WUSS...
RIGHT?













IT'S THE NORMAL LIFE I'VE BEEN MISSING ALL THIS TIME.

...I WOKE UP IN THE MORNING, WENT TO SCHOOL, ATE DINNER, AND READ THE NEWSPAPER.

FINALLY ...



IT'S BACK WITHIN MY GRASP.

THE SENSE OF NORMALITY I'VE DESIRED.

THIS IS THE LIFE I WAS HOPING FOR...

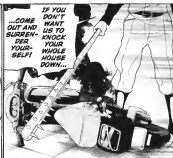
HER ABSENCE IS A MINOR FOOTNOTE AT BEST. WHY AM I FEELING SO UPSET?



I'M BACK HOME!



!?
WHAT WAS THAT?





YOU
WILL
NOT GO
UNPUN-
ISHED!

WE SEEK
VEN-
GEANCE...
FOR
TENGA-
SAMA AND
FOR THE
HONOR
OF THE
KOGANEI
CLAN!



SIMPLE
VILLAGERS.

THEY'RE
FROM
KOGANEI?



...AND DO
YOU EVEN
HAVE A
CLUE AS TO
THE SORRY
STATE OF
THE CLAN?

LOST
SON AND
HEIR TO
THE
FAMILY...

SILENCE.
YOU DIS-
GRACE!

...WHY ARE
YOU HERE?

GUYS...



ALL THREE
HAVE GONE
MISS-
ING.
WE
CANNOT
FIND
THEM.

TENREI-
SAMA.

TENTEN-
SAMA.

OUR
LEADER,
TENGA-
SAMA.



CAN YOU
IMAGINE
THEIR
SUFFER-
ING?

...WHO HAD
NO KNOW-
LEDGE OF THE
REBELLION
IN THE FIRST
PLACE!

HUNDREDS
OF INNOCENT
VILLAGE-
ERS...

ALL
BECAUSE
OF YOU!

LOSS
OF
LIVELI-
HOOD.

LOSS
OF
JOBS.

THE
VILLAGERS
HAVE
SCAT-
TERED.

THERE
IS NO
ONE TO
LEAD THE
CLAN.

THE
FORMER
HEAD,
SOUTEN-
SAMA,
IS STILL
RECOVER-
ING.



...
TRAINING
AND
STRENGTH-
ENING
OUR
BODIES.

WE'RE
KEPT
IN THE
VILLAGE
THROUGH
OUR
YOUTH...

...MY
BROTHERS
AND SISTER
WERE THE
ONES
SUPPORTING
AND FEEDING
THE ENTIRE
CLAN.

IT'S
NOT
LIKE...

DON'T
LISTEN TO
THIS CRAP,
DAIDUKA.

OH,
STUFF
IT!



GAHH!

DON'T
TAKE
YOUR
FRUSTRA-
TION OUT
ON US!

IT'S
YOUR
OWN
FAULT
FOR NOT
HAVING
JOBS!

THEY DON'T
EVEN COME
BACK UNTIL
THEY'RE
RETIRED!

SO WHAT
ARE TWO
GROWN MEN
STILL DOING
AT HOME,
RATHER
THAN MAKING
MONEY?!

THEN,
ONCE WE'RE
ADULTS, THE
TALENTED
ONES LEAVE
THE VILLAGE
...

...AND MAKE
GOBS AND
GOBS OF
MONEY IN
PROFES-
SIONAL
SPORTS!







*BUT
SHE'S
ALWAYS
HERE...*

*SHE'S
NOT
HERE.*



*...MY BRAIN
ATTACHES
THE
CONCEPT
OF
"ALWAYS"!?*

*AND
NOW I'M
HEARING
THINGS.*



*WE
WERE ONLY
TOGETHER
FOR A FEW
MONTHS.*

"ALWAYS"?

*HOW
CAN
THAT
BE?*

*HOW IS
IT THAT
WHEN I
THINK OF
HER...*



...OF
PURE
BATTLE
RAGE
!!?









IT
BRIGHT-
ENS MY
HEART!

OH,
KOUSHI-
DONG!



OHM...

ARE
YOU EN-
TIREDLY
WELL
NOW?
YOU
ARE
BACK
ON
YOUR
FEET!



...BUT
THAT
CAN
WAIT
UNTIL
TOMOR-
ROW,
I'M
SURE.

AND I
SUPPOSE
YOU'LL
NEED
YOUR
CLOTHES
WASHED...

LET'S ALSO
VISIT THE
BATHHOUSE
BEFORE IT
CLOSES!

I'LL NEED
TO GO
SHOPPING!

WHAT
SOUNDS
GOOD TO
YOU?

IF
NOT, I
CAN GET
STARTED
ON IT
RIGHT
AWAY.

HAVE
YOU
EATEN
DINNER
YET?



NOW IT'S
BACK TO
NORMAL.



THAT'S
IT.



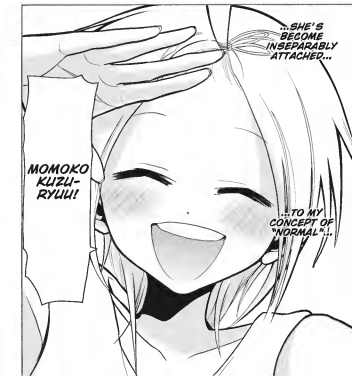
THEN
I'LL GO
TO
SCHOOL
...

...AND
STUDY
HARD...



...THAT
WITHOUT MY
REALIZING
IT...

I GUESS
I'M SIMPLY
FORCED TO
ADMIT...



...SHE'S
BECOME
INSEPARABLY
ATTACHED...

MOMOKO
KUZU-
RYUU!

...TO MY
CONCEPT OF
"NORMAL"...





...AND I WILL NEVER FORGET SUCH A HEART-BREAKING SENSATION FOR ALL MY LIFE.

I CAN FAINTLY FEEL THE LIGHT TOUCH OF YOUR LIPS FEEDING ME THE ANTI-DOSE...



GABA
GABA

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バ
ガ
バ



KOUSHI WAS UNABLE TO ADMIT TO HIS ACTIONS BEFORE MOMOKO'S FERVENT GAZE.

CHEERS!!

I COULD HAVE SWORN I PINCHED HER NOSE AND POURED IT FROM THE TUBE...









KA
(FLASH)

**SIX
WORLDS
BURNING
GAZE!**



YEA
(CHARGE)

**FLYING
DRAGON
ONE-
FLASH
BLADE!**



AND
DON'T YOU
DARE TURN
AROUND
AND LOOK
AT US!

WE
CAN
TALK
AFTER
YOU'RE
FINISHED
WITH THAT.

...SHOW
ME YOUR
HAILE AND
HEARTY
FACE.
FULL OF
VIGOR.

BY THE
WAY
WITH
THE
FOUR
OF US
HERE

I WAS
WORRIED
FOR YOUR
SAKE.
YOU DID
NOT
WAKE.

PLEASE,
SON...

BAH!
(GRACKING)



KOUSHI,
HOW
DO YOU
FEEL?
KOSHU,
YOU'VE
GROWN!
ALL
HEALED
BY
NOW?
UP,
TEAM...

WOMOKO!
HOW
DO YOU
FEEL?

PERHAPS
NOT
SAFE
AND
SOUND...

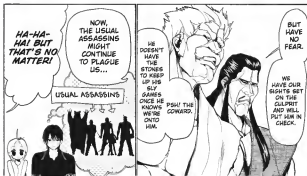
...BUT
GIVEN THAT
THE ENEMY
HAD GUNK
TO THE USE
OF POISON,
WE'LL...

...WE'LL
DONE FOR
COMING
BACK
ALIVE.

FIRST, I
WOULD
SAY...











...I FELT
A CHILL
RUN
DOWN MY
BACK.

...AND I
SAW YOU
LYING
PROSTRATE
ON THE
GROUND...



...FOR
THE
SAKE
OF THE
CLAN...

I HAD NO
THOUGHT
BUT TO
TRAIN
YOU INTO
A MIGHTY
WARRIOR...

...WE
SHALL
MAINTAIN
A DIRECT
LINEAGE.

AS
YOU
KNOW
...



...IS
MORE
LIKELY TO
GET YOU
KILLED
THAN
MAKE YOU A
KING...

I NOW
REALIZE
THAT
THRUSTING
MY ONLY
CHILD INTO
DANGER...

...WOULD
BUILD
YOUR
STRENGTH
BOTH
PHYSICALLY
AND
MENTALLY.

...BECAUSE
I HOPED
THAT
DOING
BATTLE
AGAINST
SUCH
ADVERSARIES...

I LEFT
YOU TO
FEND FOR
YOURSELF
AGAINST
THE
KOGANE!
THREAT...

NOW,
KOGANE
...

BUT THE
SITUATION
IS MUCH
WORSE
THAN I
FEARED.



HOW-
EVER...

I WILL
NOT
HARRASS
YOU TO
TRAIN ANY
LONGER.

...AS
YOUR
FATHER,
I WILL
DO MY
BEST TO
PROTECT
YOU.



...THEY
WILL
COME
FOR
YOU.

HOWEVER,
KOUISHI...



...AND I
WILL DIE
BEFORE
YOU DO!

I WILL
PROTECT
YOU, BUT
I AM YOUR
FATHER...



KOUISHI
...

...I NO
LONGER
SIMPLY
WISH FOR
YOU TO BE
STRONG...!

WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN
TO YOU...

...AFTER
YOUR
PRO-
TECTOR
IS
GONE?

I
CANNOT
TELL
YOU...

I JUST
WANT
YOU TO
LIVE!

...HOW
MUCH I
WORRY
FOR
YOU!!!







...I
COULD
ANNUL THE
ENGAGE-
MENT FOR
YOU.

!!

H-HE'S
JUST...
JUST...



MOMOKO?

.....
.....



KOUSHI-
DONO
IS...
WELL...











AND I
REALIZED
THAT IF
SOMEONE
DIES
BECAUSE
OF THAT...

...I JUST
CAN'T GO
AROUND
HAVING
OTHER
PEOPLE
SAVE ME
ALL THE
TIME.

AND,
I
MEAN
...

...IT
WOULD
REALLY
TEAR ME
APART.

...
WELL
...

SO
I'VE
MADE
...



...A
DECI-
SION.





I'LL
WORK WITH
MY DAD
WHEN THE
HOUSE IS
DONE BEING
BUILT.



I DON'T
WANT TO
GIVE UP
ON BEING A
PROSECUTOR,
BUT I WANT
TO BE ABLE...



...TO
...AT PROTECT
THE MY LIFE
SAME AND MY
TIME. DREAM...



.....



A MAN
WITH
SUCH
WEAK
EYES...



I'M
GOING TO
TAKE THIS
MARTIAL
ARTS STUFF
SERIOUSLY.





**I WILL
STAY BY
KOUSHI-
DONO'S
SIDE!**

**I KNEW IT,
FATHER...HE IS
AS SUPERB AND
WONDERFUL A
MAN AS THERE
EVER COULD
BE!!**



WELL,
WHY
ULTI-
MATELY
MAYBE
IT'S
RELATED.

...
HMM
...?

NO, NO,
NOT
THAT...

H
H
H?

—YOU WERE
THINKING
ABOUT YOUR
MAR...

...
GRACE
WITH
MIL?

I-IF YOU
WERE
CONCERNED
WITH
FATHER'S
OPINION,
DOES THAT
MEAN...
OH!!

PURI
CHAWED

PURI
PURI

PURI
PURI





....AFTER A
DREADFUL
BATTLE TO
SAVE HIS
LIFE...

MEAN-
WHILE
...



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CHAPTER 45. KOUJI IMUZUKA, AGE 17, MAKES A MAN'S DECISION - END

46. IROHA VS. CLASS REP



WE CAN
ALL GO TO
SCHOOL AGAIN
TOMORROW!

MOMOKO-
SENPAI IS
BACK!

GOOD
MORNING!

...AND
STILL
TREATS
ME THE
SAME AS
ALWAYS!

...WAS
KIND
ENOUGH
TO IGNORE
IT...

KOUSHI-
CHAN
TOO...

...BUT
MOMOKO-
SENPAI
UNDER-
STOOD AND
FORGAVE
ME...

WHEN
TENTEN
KOGANE!
SPILLED
MY SECRET
CAUSE FOR
EVERYONE
TO HEAR, I
THOUGHT
IT WAS THE
END...

CAN I
HAVE YOU A
LUNCH FOR
TOMORROW?

UH,
KOUSHI-
SENPAI!

HA-HA
THOSE
ARE BOLD
WORDS.

I'LL
BECK
THEM
UP!

ONE
JUST AS
GOOD AS
MOMOKO-
SENPAI'S!

AND
THEN
WHEN
YOU EAT
IT...

...YOU
CAN TELL
US WHICH
ONE IS
BETTER!



IS THIS
A LITTLE
BIT TOO
MUCH LIKE
ALWAYS?



YEAH,
SURE.

HMM?

I'LL BE
READY
WHEN IT
COMES...

Just
SOME
COVERUP



I WISH
IT HAD
GOTTEN
UNDER
HIS SKIN
AFTER
ALL...

DON'T
WASTE
YOUR
TIME.

HA
HA
HA.



WE
DIDN'T
FORGET
ABOUT IT,
DID WE?

...DOESN'T
MEAN
DIDDY-
BOWT
TO HIM...?

DOES THIS
MEAN THAT
MY SECRET
CRUSH ON
HIM BEING
REVEALED...

AMM...

WHA,
REALLY? I
C- CAN'T
WAIT.

I'LL
MAKE
YOU A
LUNCH!

DESIRED
OUTCOME

SPIN! DONT CRASH! DONT DONT DONT DONT



HER BOOBS
AND BUTT
ARE BARELY
ACORN-
LEVEL AT
BEST!

TRUE, SHE
MIGHT BE
SMALL...IN
ALL FORMS
OF THE
WORD!

BUT
LOOKING
AT
MOMOKO-
CHAN...



WHAT? TAKE
THAT
BACK, YOU
GAD!!

MOMOKO'S
AT LEAST A
HUNDRED
TIMES THE
WOMAN YOU
ARE.

YOU'RE
BARELY
WORTH
LOOKING
AT, IF YOU
ASK ME.

SHE
CRASHED

RACIN
CRASHED

WELL







...BUT
I'LL BE
DAMNED
IF I LET
A SNEAK
THIEF LIKE
YOU TIPTOE
IN AND
TAKE HIM
AWAY FROM
ME!

MOMOKO-
SENPAI
IS ONE
THING...

THAT
FOUR-
EYES!!

ゴゴゴゴ



I'LL NEVER
LET THAT
HAPPEN!!



FORCING
YOU TO
STUDY
WITH ME,
I MEAN.

LAUGH

...
SORRY
ABOUT
THIS
...

AFTER-
SCHOOL
STUDY
ROOM



...FOR
SOME-
THING
QUIET
LIKE
THIS.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE
SINCE I
HAD THE
TIME...

...IT'S
PERFECTLY
FINE.

NO...



...NOT TO
FOSTER
ANY
SPECIAL
FEELINGS
TOWARD
HIM.

JUST
KEEP
IN
MIND...

YOU'LL BE
BACK TO
PROTECTING
KOSHINOBO
IN SECRET
TODAY

LISTEN
TO ME,
SANGA.



IT'LL ONLY
CAUSE YOU
PAIN IN THE
END.

FORGET
ABOUT
IT.



INUZUKA-
KUN...



BUT...

I WILL
KEEP MY
SECRETS!

I WILL
COM-
TEND MY
DUTY!



... WOULD BE
THE MOST
PAINFUL
THING OF
ALL.

... GIVING
UP ON
HIM ...

I THINK
...

NO,
GRAND-
MA.



POW
CRASHING

BTB

BTB

.....



...I'LL
DECIDE NOT
TO LOVE
INUZUKA-
KUN
ANYMORE.

...THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN...



...IF YOU
DON'T
MIND...

NO
CHANCE

... THAT
WELL ...

I
DECIDED
...

YEAH?

INU-
ZUKA-
KUN...







~~~~~







...THE  
HEAVENLY  
WARRIOR,  
THE HORSE  
GIRL!! THE  
ONE WHO  
GETS  
STRONGER  
THE MORE  
CLOTHES  
SHE TAKES  
OFF!!!!







YOU CAN COMPARE  
OUR LUNCHES!

HE DOESN'T  
CARE ABOUT ME,  
BUT I WISH HE  
WOULD...

IF I  
START  
BEING  
SELFISH  
AND TRYING  
TO MAKE  
HIM PAY  
ATTENTION  
TO ME...

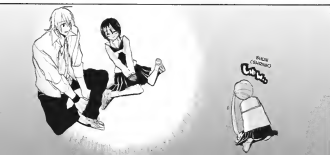
I  
FIGURED  
THAT WOULD  
HELP RELAX  
HIM THE  
MOST.

...YOU  
KNOW,  
NORMAL  
STUFF.

...WE  
COULD  
TALK  
ABOUT  
CLASSE-  
ES...  
AFTER  
THAT...

THANK  
WE'RE  
DOING  
THIS!

IT'S  
BEEN A  
WHILE...

















UMMM ...

WELL ...



AT  
LEAST ...

... I HEARD  
YOU WERE  
STILL HERE  
AND NOT  
FEELING  
WELL.

BUT ...

...EVERY-  
ONE ELSE  
LEFT  
TO DO  
STUFF.



...THAT'S  
WHAT  
IROHA-  
CHAN  
SAID.



HEHEHE  
HEHEHE

CERNOBO

CERNOBO

CERNOBO

CERNOBO







SUMOMOMO, MOMOMO -THE STRONGEST (?) OMAKE ON EARTH-

A MARTIAL ARTIST  
NEEDS  
NOT LIVE  
WITHIN A  
WEAK AND  
CORRUPT  
CULTURE.

HAI! HAI! HAI!

...WE ARE  
LIVING  
IN THE  
MOUNTAINS,  
SUR-  
ROUNDED  
BY HEAVY  
WOODS.

EVEN-  
TEEN  
YEARS  
LATER  
...







OH,  
HONEY...

...AND  
I JUST  
REFUSED  
TO GIVE  
IN TO MY  
NATURAL  
URGES!

...I  
WAS LIVING  
WITH THIS  
ADORABLE  
WIFE THE  
WHOLE  
TIME...

...ON  
NUMBER  
EIGH-  
TEEN?

SHOULD  
WE GET  
STARTED...

AAAH  
H!!!

BUT IT  
WAS A  
DREAM.

END

# TRANSLATION NOTES

**Sumomomo, Momomo** is part of a well-known Japanese tongue twister which reads, "Sumomomo momo mo mama no uchi," and roughly means, "Plums and peaches are part of the peach family."

## Common Honorifics

No honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness. If used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would be an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Ms./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-dono: A polite, formal honorific suffix.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

-ni, oni-san, ni-chan, onki: Used to address one's older brother or brother figure.

-nee, onee-san, nee-chan, oneki: Used to address one's older sister or sister figure.



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